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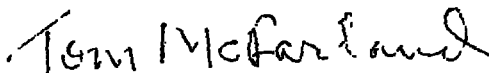
Re: Docket No. AB-384 (Sub-No. 2X), *Delta Southern Railroad, Inc. -- Abandonment
Exemption -- in East Carroll Parish, LA*

Dear Ms. Brown:

Enclosed please find a Draft of Federal Register notice regarding the Notice of
Exemption filed on November 9, 2010 in the above proceeding.

This is also to advise that to the best of Delta Southern Railroad, Inc.'s knowledge, the
rail line involved in the above proceeding does not contain federally granted right-of-way. Any
documentation in the possession of Delta Southern Railroad, Inc. would be furnished to any
person requesting such documentation.

Very truly yours,



Thomas F. McFarland
Attorney for Delta Southern
Railroad, Inc.

BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20423

STB Docket No. AB-384 (Sub-No. 2X)

DELTA SOUTHERN RAILROAD, INC.
-- ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION --
IN EAST CARROLL PARISH, LA

FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICE

On November 9, 2010, DELTA SOUTHERN RAILROAD, INC. (DSR) filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 subpart F - *Exempt Abandonments* to abandon its line of railroad between between Milepost 463.0 which is approximately 200 feet west of U.S. Highway 65 North, at or near Shelburn, and Milepost 471.0, which is approximately 75 feet east of U.S. Highway 65 South approximately one mile south of Lake Providence, a distance of 8 miles, in East Carroll Parish, Louisiana. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Code 71254.

DSR has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) there is no overhead traffic to be rerouted; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the line (or by a State or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line either is pending with the Board or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of complainant within the 2-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7 (environmental report), 49 CFR 1105.8 (historic report), 49 CFR 1105.11 (transmittal letter), 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment shall be protected under Oregon Short Line Railroad--Abandonment Portion Goshen Branch, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) must be filed.

Following abandonment of rail service and salvage of the rail line, the line may be suitable for other public use, including interim trail use.

Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received, this exemption will be effective on December 28, 2010, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,^{1/} formal expressions

^{1/} The Board will grant a stay if an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised by a party or by the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) in its independent investigation) cannot be made before the exemption's effective date. See *Exemption of Out-of-Serv. Rail Lines*, 5 I.C.C.2d 377 (1989). Any request

of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),^{2/} and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by December 9, 2010. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by December 20, 2010, with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to DSR's representative: Thomas F. McFarland, 208 South LaSalle Street, Suite 1890, Chicago, IL 60604-1112. If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. DSR has filed a combined environmental and historic report that addresses the effects, if any, of the abandonment on the environment and historic resources. SEA will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by December 3, 2010. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Room 1100, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423-0001) or by calling SEA, at 202-245-0305. Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339. Comments on environmental and historic preservation matters must be filed within 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public. Environmental, historic preservation, public use, or trail use/rail banking conditions will be imposed, where appropriate, in a subsequent decision. Pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), DSR shall file a notice of consummation with the Board to signify that it has exercised the authority granted and fully abandoned the line. If consummation has not been effected by DSR's filing of a notice of consummation by December 28, 2011, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire. Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at <http://www.stb.dot.gov>.

Decided: November 29, 2010.

By the Board. Rachel D. Campbell, Director, Office of Proceedings.

for a stay should be filed as soon as possible so that the Board may take appropriate action before the exemption's effective date.

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Each OFA must be accompanied by the filing fee, which is currently set at \$1,500. See 49 CFR 1002.2(t)(25).